



US PATENT IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Weibel et al. Confirmation No.: 7926

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For: New Pharmaceutical Composition

and the Process for Its Preparation

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE

This amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action on the merits mailed May 4, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire August 4, 2004, subject to extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.136(a). A petition for a three (3) month extension of time to increase the period for reply from August 4, 2005, to November 4, 2005, is enclosed herewith to permit timely filing of this Response.